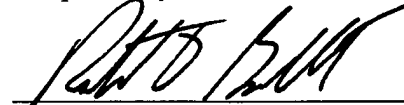


REMARKS

The changes presented hereabove in the specification and drawings do not affect the scope and content of the claims. Rather, these changes are primarily typographical in nature and are made such that the specification and the drawings fully correspond with each other.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments with regard to this Amendment, a telephonic conference is respectfully requested at the number set forth below.

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